# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
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COMPUTERISATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether several branches of public sector banks have not been fully computerised so far;

(b) if so, details thereof, branch wise;

(c) the time by which all the branches of public sector banks are likely to be fully computerised; and

(d) the impact on the strength of employees as a result thereof ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATH.) :

(a) to (d) A Statement to laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Earlier the public sector banks had targeted to computerise only those branches having a daily workload of more than 750 vouchers as per recommendation other Dr. G. Rangarajan Committee which submitted its report in November, 1989.Subsequently, in accordance with direction given by the Chief Vigilance Commissioner vide his circular dated November 27, 1998, Indian Banks` Association(IBA) representing management of banks has enteredinto an agreement with their workmen unions on March 27, 2000 to computerise 70% of their business. As per the information received from the Reserve Bank of India for the period ended 30th September 2000, 61.45% of business of public sector banks has been computerised. 6982 branches are fully computerised and 9304 branches partially computerised. The bank-wise position, of computerisation is given in the Annexure.

(c) Banks are not targeting to computerise all their branches at present since computer isation of branches with low business is not commercially viable and in certain areas, computerisation is not possible due to power shortage and infrastructure bottlenecksThus, no time frame can be indicated for computerising all branches of public sector banks.

(d) Public Sector Banks are in the process of reassessing and planning their manpower, in the context of introduction of new services such as seven day banking, extended business hours, shift system, treasury management and introduction of computerisation etc.so that they are able to provide efficient and economical financial services in growing competitive environment.In the context of computerisation, the IBA has signed an agreement with theirworkmen unions that there will be no retrenchment and existing staff would be suitably redeployed.